

VIRGINIA TEAM COMING

Will Meet Quintette of Local Y. M. C. A. Monday.

FAST GAME IS EXPECTED

Home Team in Fine Shape For Fray and Players Are Confident of Victory—Hampton Boy Playing With Variety.

The University of Virginia basketball team will meet the quintette of the local Young Men's Christian Association next Monday night at 8:30 o'clock in the association gymnasium. This will be the opening game of the basketball season here and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand. Virginia has many supporters in this city who will be out to cheer the Orange and Blue to victory.

The local team has been doing some hard practicing for several weeks and is in fit condition for the fray. Manager King says his team is one of the fastest the association has had in years and he feels confident that when the match ends Monday night Virginia will know that she has been in a hot fight even if she does not lose.

Malone, New Center.
Malone, the new center of the locals, who formerly played with the quintette of the Maryland Athletic Club, is showing up to splendid advantage in practice and he gives every promise of being one of the best centers the association ever has had. Eugene Payne, of the High school team, is the substitute center and his height and weight make him a formidable antagonist for the average man playing this position.

John Vann and Jud Monroe are the forwards of the team. Monroe played on the first team last year, while Vann did fine work in the house league. Both have shown their best form this season and can be depended upon to roll up points against most any team.

Tom Meanley and A. M. Hamilton, the guards, have been members of the first team for four years and are steady, reliable players who can stand a deal of punishment from roughing forward.

The Virginia Team.

Playing with the Virginia team is Percy Ashby, of Hampton, who captained the 'Varsity quintette last season. Cecil, the husky tackle of the 'Varsity football team is one of the Virginia forwards. Virginia's strongest point is superb team work and the locals are training with the special view to breaking up the clever passes of the visitors.

Virginia will meet the Hampton Young Men's Christian Association team Tuesday night at Hampton and on its return to Charlottesville will drop off at Richmond to play the William and Mary eleven.

SHIPYARD WILL CLOSE AT NOON TOMORROW

Six Thousand Employees to be Paid Off—Workmen Get Two and One-Half Days Holiday.

It was announced yesterday that the shipyard will be closed down at noon tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. As Christmas falls on Saturday the workmen get two and one-half days instead of one day as is usually the case. The plant will not reopen until 7 o'clock Monday morning.

Immediately after the whistle blows for the shutting down of the plant tomorrow, the six thousand or more employees will be paid off and those of the men who desire to spend Christmas with relatives nearby can get away tomorrow evening.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES.
Newport News to Baltimore Via Merchant and Miners Transportation Company. Round Trip, Adults, \$4.00; Children, \$2.00. Tickets on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and Jan. 1. F. B. BRAGG Agent.

SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Mrs. John N. Martin left yesterday for Richmond, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Margaret Reynolds returned yesterday from the Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. W. L. Daugherty has arrived here to spend the holidays with his family.

Mrs. Frank J. Ruff and nephew, Alexander Boteier, will leave tomorrow for Richmond and Washington, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. Guy E. Via returned yesterday from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to spend the holidays with his parents, Councilman and Mrs. George F. Via, on Twenty-seventh street.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Lee Robinson and little daughter will leave today for Baltimore, New York and Boston to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Walter P. Weber has as her guest at her home on Twenty-ninth street, her sister, Miss Blanche Keaton, of Scranton, Pa.

Miss Juliet Cox has as her guest in East End, Miss Ocie West, of Surry county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Burcher, who were married in Cincinnati last Thursday, arrived here yesterday and are the guests of relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Cox will leave tomorrow for Prince George county to spend the holidays.

Miss Margaret Fletcher, who has been spending several weeks with the Misses Metzinger, on Twenty-seventh street, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Miss Jeanette Oliver, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. A. Stillman, on Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Blanche Hooper has returned from a visit of two weeks with relatives in Southwest Virginia.

Mrs. G. Preston Bryan will leave today for North Carolina, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Gertrude Rayfield, who has been visiting relatives in Roanoke and Lynchburg, has returned home.

Miss May Lowder, who is attending the Virginia College, Roanoke, has arrived here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. C. T. McDaniel, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. McDaniel, 628 Twenty-eighth street, has returned to Danville.

NEW PORTUGUESE CABINET.

All of the Ministers Belong to Progressive Party.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—The formation of a new cabinet was announced today. It is composed as follows: President—Bierao. Minister of Justice—Montenegro. Minister of the Interior—Diacosta. Minister of Finance—Branco. Minister of Foreign Affairs—Q. E. Villaca. Minister of War—Matsias Nuns. Minister of Marine—Azvedo—Coutinho. Minister of Public Works—Moreira.

All of the new ministry are progressives. The Cortez will reassemble on January 1, but will immediately adjourn for two months to permit the government time for the preparation of a program of reform, including amendments to the constitution and improvements in the electorate system.

Wall Gets Six Months.

Edward Wall, 20 years old, was sentenced to six months in jail yesterday morning by Justice Brown for the larceny of a watch and chain from Mrs. Annie McGill.

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SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

Christmas Season for Pupils Begins at Noon.

SOCIETY WILL ENTERTAIN

Annual Christmas Celebration Will be Held in High School Building Tonight—Deliver Contributions for Poor People.

For the 2,900 school children of Newport News, the Christmas season begins at noon today, the schools being closed for the holidays at that hour. Owing to the fact that Christmas falls on Saturday this year, the holidays will be shorter than usual, the schools remaining closed only ten days, including two Saturdays and two Sundays, so that really the pupils get but six "holidays."

Various kinds of Christmas exercises will be held in the schools this afternoon. Christmas trees and Santa Claus will be provided for the tots in some of the primary grades, while interesting literary and musical programs will be carried out in the upper grades of the grammar school. Presents will be exchanged by the teachers and scholars and there will be candy, nuts and other good things for the smaller children.

Literary Society Entertainment.
The High school literary society will hold its annual Christmas entertainment in the High school building tonight at 8 o'clock. This session will be open to the public and the assembly hall probably will be taxed to its capacity by the friends and relatives of the members of the society.

An unusually well arranged and interesting program will be rendered by a number of the pupils. One of the most interesting features will be the singing of Christmas songs by a large chorus of young ladies and young men.

During the past week, the school children have made many contributions of food stuffs and other things for the poor people of the city and this stuff is now being gathered at the Central school building and assorted and placed in bags and baskets. It will be turned over to General Manager Golden, of the Associated Charities, and he will have it distributed among the destitute families in various parts of the city.

Shortly after the schools reopen on January 3, the semi-annual examinations will begin and the semi-annual promotions will be made on February 1. The senior class of the High school, known as the "Class of February, '10" will graduate in February and appropriate commencement exercises will be held at the Academy of Music.

ADJOURNED SESSION OF COUNCIL CALLED

Resolution Ousting Ernest Cox From Lower Branch Will be Disposed of Tonight.

President D. S. Jones, of the common council, yesterday morning issued a call for an adjourned session of the council to conclude the trial of Councilman Ernest C. Cox, of the Second ward, on charges of misfeasance and malfeasance. All members of the council are now in the city and every one of them is expected to be present tonight.

The hearing of Cox on the charges was concluded at the special session in October and a resolution ousting Cox from the body is now pending. This resolution was offered by Councilman W. E. Jones, of the Third ward, and it will be disposed of immediately after the council convenes. The session probably will be a short one.

New Telephone Directory.

Manager R. M. McCandlish is delivering the new directory of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The directory contains all of the changes and corrections in listing since October 15, 1909, and contains a number of new names that are not to be found in the old directory.

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QUIET REIGNS BEFORE REAL TROUBLE STARTS

Not a Single Arrest Made Yesterday, But Police Will Have Hands Full Tomorrow.

Not a single arrest was made in this city during the twenty-four hours ending at 1 o'clock this morning. And Christmas is only two days off. This is a rather remarkable record for this particular season of the year, as the real celebration usually begins several days before Christmas and continues throughout the holiday season. However, the police are not deceived by this seeming quiet and are prepared for the real trouble which comes every year with Christmas Eve. The officers, of course, will take into consideration the fact that it is Christmas time and celebrants who under ordinary conditions would land in jail, will not be disturbed. But there is a limit to the extent of the celebration and anyone overstepping it will be "nabbed" and put behind the bars.

SMITHFIELD PEOPLE HERE.

Party from Town Across River Doing Shopping in This City.

A party of about two dozen people from Smithfield came over to this city yesterday afternoon to do their Christmas shopping and they returned home later laden with many bundles. Many of the Smithfield people are doing their shopping in this city instead of Norfolk this year.

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